

Connecticut needs to have a shared solar program, similar to the one in Massachusetts and other states. Such a program would allow the 4 out of 5 CT residents who can't install solar panels on their homes, due to living in an apartment, being shaded by trees or other reasons, to be able to purchase power generated from solar PV panels on their neighbor's roofs.

Last year a shared solar bill, which called for a very small two year pilot program, was passed in the legislature (now Public Act 15-113), but DEEP has delayed setting this up, so right now we have nothing. But there is no need for such a pilot. We know how to do this. Over [10 states now have programs in place. The CT](#) Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) wrote a 112 page report for the legislature explaining exactly how to do this. The pilot program is nothing more than a two year delay. This decision has led Connecticut to lag even further behind other states with successful shared solar programs, such as Massachusetts. Clean energy investors are putting their money into these states while Connecticut falls behind.

The 2 bills introduced this year about a Shared Solar program (House Bill 5427 and Senate Bill 334) do not fix the problem, they only tweak the unnecessary pilot. The pilot program has no purpose; we need an actual shared solar program in CT, as soon as possible.

I personally would love to install solar energy, but all solar companies I have contacted so far either tell me my house is too shaded, or they can not cooperate with my local (municipal) energy provider. Under a shared solar program like in Massachusetts or other states, I could buy solar power from other CT residents' solar panels.

Please do not pursue HB 5427, but work towards a bill that would allow full shared solar in CT. We need to maximize green energy. Waiting another two years for a program which will dramatically multiply the amount of solar is just not acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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